

Local Walking Trail

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GAMBRILL STATE PARK - GREEN ASH TRAIL

This is a trail for those who love a small amount of a challenge while hiking. There are several steep slopes and very little level ground. This trail is open not only to hiking, but also to mountain biking and horseback riding.

The trail is a loop trail which starts and ends at the Trailhead Parking Lot. There are many other trails leaving from this parking lot so make sure that you follow the trail marked with green blazes.

It is two miles long and I would strongly recommend wearing hiking boots or tennis shoes. Also pay close attention to the different colored blaze markings that are located on the trees that mark the trail as at times the Black Locust Trail, the Catocin Blue Trail and the Yellow Poplar Trail follow the same path and then go in a different direction.

I hiked this trail on a warm, early spring day and found it very refreshing. At times Chickadees and Tufted Titmice were singing all around me. The buds on the trees were just beginning to pop and I felt like the forest was just waking from a long winter's nap.

